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## Atlanta Editor Resigns Post

From News Dispatches

ATLANTA, Sept. 25—Eugene C. Patterson, Pulitzer Prize winning editor of the Atlanta Constitution, has resigned effective the end of this month, it was announced today.

John Reginald Murphy, 34, who was the paper's political editor from 1961 through 1965, was appointed editor of the editorial page, a position also filled by Patterson. No successor to Patterson as editor was named.

The announcement was made by Jack Tarver, president of Atlanta Newspapers, Inc., publishers of the morning Constitution and afternoon Atlanta Journal.

No reasons for Patterson's resignation were given, but associates of Patterson said that there had been growing differences between him and the management over the direction of the Constitution.

One difference, it was reported, was over Patterson's suggestions for expanding news operations of the paper.

Patterson, 44, did not disclose his plans immediately. He has been editor of the paper since 1960. In 1967, he won a Pulitzer Prize for general editorial excellence. He was specifically cited for a series of editorials with ousted Negro State Legislator Julian Bond.